

GOD GIVES ME FRIENDS! LESSON 3

Today your children joined a boy named Mardy on a training mission for the Help Corps. On the mission, Mardy went to Treehouse Island to help a boy named Akahi and a bird named Hoku learn: **God Gives Me Friends**. They didn't think they had anything in common or needed to be friends, but Mardy helped them see that they needed each other. Akahi had some birdseed that the very hungry Hoku needed, and Hoku had some batteries that Akahi needed to listen to his radio. Once they became friends like God wanted, they shared with each other and everyone got what they needed.

Next week, your children will join Mardy on an adventure to Fun Island where he will help two islanders learn: I Will Be Kind When Others Are Mean.

Activity one – Famous Friends

Allow your children to watch one of their favorite movies, and afterwards, talk about the characters who were friends and what the story might have been like if they had been all alone. Then talk about how we need friends just like the characters in the movie did, and that God gives us friends.

Activity two – Fun With Friends

Allow your children to invite a friend over, and encourage them to play tag, hide and seek, or another game that requires at least two people. Afterwards, talk to them about how they couldn't have played alone, and that one of the reasons God gives us friends is so we can have fun together.

PARENT AND CHILD INTERACTION FLYER

Use this flyer to continue building on what the children learned about today.



Parents, have your child color the missing parts while you read this Bible Story together.

1 Samuel 18:1-16; 19:1-7; 20:1-42

Q Our Bible Story today was about David. David was a shepherd when he was young, but do you remember what his new job was?

A Commander of the army.



David was the commander of the army. It was a hard job, but David was good at it, and he liked leading people and serving God.

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Q After he won a big battle, David met a new friend. Do you remember who it was?

A The king's son, Jonathan.



Jonathan and David became friends right away, and Jonathan shared things with David, like clothes, a sword, a bow and a belt. He was a good friend.

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Q After David won a big battle, the king didn't like him anymore because he thought everyone liked David more than they liked him. He wanted to hurt David, but Jonathan did something to help David. Who remembers what that was?

A He warned David and talked to his father.



Yes, Jonathan warned David to hide, and then he went and talked to his father, the king, and asked him not to hurt David.

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Q For a while, the king left David alone, but eventually he wanted to hurt him so badly that Jonathan couldn't talk him out of it. Does anyone remember how Jonathan helped David then?

A He warned him to leave.



Great job! Jonathan told David that he needed to leave because the king wanted to hurt him, and they promised each other that they would always be friends. You see, God gave Jonathan to David to be his friend, and he was a really good friend because he helped protect him from the king. David went away just like Jonathan told him to, and he was safe for a really long time.

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